

On the Docket for the  
**General Meeting**  
Thursday, February 16, 2006

## Cleaning and Degunking Windows

*With our Panel of Experienced Gunk Busters*

**Y**ou may not have ghosts in your computers but virtually everyone has acquired computer gunk and our panel of experienced Gunk Busters will be here to help.

At some point just about everyone has noticed that their computer starts acting a little weird. Have you noticed that your computer seems to be running slower? Or it may be slow to react to your commands. Your favorite applications don't seem the same, and some programs may hang or even crash your computer, and when you surf the web those pop up ads seem like a swarm of gnats.

In computer time the good old days can be last month, or if you are really unlucky last week. Just visiting a few innocuous web sites can load up your cookie jar. There are good cookies and bad, you may find it helpful that Amazon recognizes your return and saves you retyping your basic info but you may have hundreds of useless cookies that at best just slow things down and at worst phone home with personal info you would rather keep personal. The good news is that there are various programs that really help in managing and deleting cookies. More good news, some very good ones are free or low cost.

### *Spyware and More*

Then there is spyware that many consider far worse than viruses. This stuff can really gunk up you computer and/or your life. This has become a big topic and a rapidly expanding problem our Gunk Busters will address.

Well, let's take a step back and look at that new Dell or HP you just bought. It probably came with slew of programs

that you will never use. They were put there so the maker could brag about how much free stuff they were giving you. Some gift! If you don't use them, unnecessary programs just gunk up the works, gobble storage space, and slow you down. One of our Gunk Busters, Michael Horowitz, teaches a whole course on cleaning and improving your brand new computer. (Setting Up Your New—or Not-so-new—Windows XP Computer)

As time goes on, even if you are careful, stuff accumulates that you may not need. Do you still have drivers for printers that died, or special programs you never used that came with a digital camera you lost? These may be still be in your start-up program. Go have another cup of coffee while your computer boots up. Then there are temp files that should have been removed automatically but survived. Have you noticed that very often in life nothing lasts like the temporary?

### *Degunking Windows*

A recent popular book, *Degunking Windows*, by Joli Ballew and Jeff Duntemann (Paraglyph Press, 2005), includes many good and useful procedures—many of which you probably know, but when was the last time you defragged?

Some of our Gunk Busters think this book is too simple, but hey these guys are Nerd's Nerds. Our panel will share their favorite Tips, Tricks, and Traps and you get to ask questions. Aren't you glad you belong to NYPC? And if you are not a member yet hopefully this Free meeting will convince you to join.  
By William Ginsberg, [wzg128@aol.com](mailto:wzg128@aol.com)

# Inside NYPC



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## General Meeting Info

- When:** Thursday, February 16th, 2006
- Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Networking in cafeteria  
Q&A/Random Access  
6:45pm Presentation
- Subway:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St  
1,2,3,9 to 14th St ; L to 6th Ave  
(check with MTA)
- PATH:** Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta
- Hotline:** 212-643-NYPC

NYPC's General Meetings are free and open to the public. To check on the NYPC General Meeting or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, go to our website, <http://www.nypc.org>.

## ADOPT A BUSINESS PROGRAM

The future of NYPC depends on a steady influx of new members and of new students for our continuing education programs.

One way to accomplish this is to get related businesses (computer stores, internet stores, camera stores, copy centers, etc.) to distribute our membership forms, course catalogues, and newsletters on a regular basis.

We are a volunteer army, and what we need is NYPC members to adopt businesses near home or work and to keep them supplied with our forms.

### Benefits

The benefits to the Adoptee: Listing in our newsletter and on our website.

The benefits to the Adopters: One month extension to your NYPC membership for each new member or course sale derived from your Adoptee and the undying love of your fellow NYPC members.

If you're interested: contact Murray Strelitz: [mstrelitz@bigfoot.com](mailto:mstrelitz@bigfoot.com).

*Murray Strelitz, Marketing Chair*

## Help NYPC!

We're reprinting a recent column by Marketing Chair Murray Strelitz because of its importance. It is very frustrating to hear the three students who took a class exclaim over how great it was, knowing that we could have taught twice as many with the same breaths.

Please heed Murray's words above! In addition, carry some of our litera-

ture with you. If you see someone reading *PCs for Dummies* while riding on the subway, tell him how NYPC can help!

All members benefit from an improved outreach:

- SIGs will have more attendees and be more lively
- We can offer even more exciting classes! *Mary Ginsburg*

## NYPC Elections Coming Soon!

The following are candidates for NYPC officers in 2006. If you would like to run for an office, or suggest someone, please email Bill Ginsberg at [wzg128@aol.com](mailto:wzg128@aol.com).

NYPC is an all-volunteer organization. If you don't wish to run for an office but would like to volunteer for another assignment, please contact Kathy Petruzzi at [kathypetruzzi@hotmail.com](mailto:kathypetruzzi@hotmail.com).

There are many important tasks such as help printing the calendar, as well folding and mailing it and every three months the educational booklet. Another need is checking out donated computers, and upgrading or loading programs to make them useful. You might want to help promote the group at various events, or check the office answering machine. There are many other small jobs that would be a big help. Volunteering makes you feel good and it is the life blood of NYPC.

Candidates to date:

President:	Leftonred Atanycorner
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Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Fanelli

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# NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005, x2, e-mail [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org), or register online using PayPal at [www.nypceducation.org](http://www.nypceducation.org)

For complete descriptions, click on class name at <http://www.calsplus.net/nypcmeetings>.

Unless otherwise specified, classes are hands-on. We welcome walk-ins for seminars, but please phone to confirm that the class is being held. One advantage of NYPC computer training is our flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. If we have at least three students, we'll try to tailor a class to your needs. Non-members of NYPC: add \$10 registration fee to prices below.

## ⇒ Backing Up Your Computer

If you use a computer, this may be the most important class you take! Backing up your computer is not just important—it's vital! Drive failure or file corruption can take place at any time. No matter how much this is stressed, most computer users don't have and use a good backup routine. If you don't know where to begin in backing up your computer, this class is for you! Taught by Michael Horowitz, whose clear and thorough style has impressed many.

Sunday, February 26, 1:00-4:00 PM

Intensive Seminar, \$39 includes comprehensive handout

## ⇒ Knoppix System Recovery

Your system crashed and won't boot. How can you recover your system? What about your data? Is all lost? Don't worry: Knoppix comes to the rescue! Knoppix can read your Windows drives, recover data, and even repair corrupted files. Come to this class and learn how to use Knoppix! Taught by Mark Halegua, dynamic chair of the DeLUGE SIG.

Saturdays, February 25, March 4, 1:00-4:00 PM

Lecture/demo with some Hands-on, \$69 includes CD with Knoppix

## ⇒ De-gunking Windows

At the General Meeting this month, you'll learn some techniques for the important task of keeping your computer OS clean. At this class, you'll actually perform some basic (and sometimes advanced) tasks, ranging from deleting unused apps to tweaking the registry, to keep your PC system clean and humming. This course, based on the book *Degunking Windows* by Joli Ballew and Jeff Duntemann (Paraglyph Press, 2004), will teach you how to maintain your Windows, so that your computer runs faster and you're more productive. Taught by popular instructor, Leftonred Atanycorner.

Thursday, February 23, 6:00-9:00 PM

Lecture/Hands-on, \$39

## ⇒ Getting Started with QuickBooks

QuickBooks is the most popular bookkeeping application for small businesses. In this class you'll learn how to set it up for your needs and how to use its powerful forms and reports. New to this course: We'll start with the new Simple Start version of QuickBooks, then progress to QuickBooks Pro, so that you can learn and choose which version is best for you and your small business. Trial versions of the program will be given out so you can practice and do your homework. Taught by QuickBooks ProAdvisor Len Ginsburg.

Three Tuesday evenings, starting February 14, 6:00-9:00 PM

Hands-on, \$99

## ⇒ Find that File!

Have you ever saved a file, then forgotten where you put it? File and Disk management in Windows is easy when you know how.

Wednesday, February 15, 6:00-9:00 PM

Hands-on, \$24

## ⇒ FREE! INTRODUCTION to .NET

What's the big "buzz" about Microsoft's .NET Framework technology? If you've been reading about .NET and would like to know more about it, then this free seminar is for you. We'll discuss ASP.NET, ADO.NET, C#, VB.NET, Visual Studio.NET, the .NET Framework Library, and the new, and exciting, Visual Studio 2005 Express. The audience for this presentation includes developers who have not worked with .NET before, beginner programmers, database developers, mainframe developers who are interested in learning about object-oriented and Windows-based development, and managers and end-users who are considering using the Microsoft .NET tools at their companies.

Monday, February 13, 6:30-8:30 PM

FREE Seminar

## ⇒ Introduction To Programming with MS VB.NET

Here's a chance to learn the basics of programming using the latest technologies from Microsoft—Visual Basic 2005 Express and SQL Server 2005 Express, a fully functional subset of Microsoft Visual Studio 2005. This course is designed for beginners. All attendees will receive fully functional copies of Visual Basic 2005 Express Edition and Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Express Edition, plus an official Microsoft training book, as well as a link to a series of online Visual Basic 2005 Express video lessons. The capstone project will be a real-time weather tracking application that uses a web service. Taught by Jerry Bucknoff, an IT project manager who has taught classes at Baruch College and for corporate clients.

Five Wednesdays and Mondays, starting February 22, 6:00-9:00 PM

Hands-on, \$299 includes software, book, and other materials

## ⇒ Voice-Over IP: Getting Started

With Voice-over Internet Protocol, you use your broadband internet connection to make free long-distance phone calls. At this seminar, learn what it requires, its advantages and disadvantages, and whether it's right for you. You'll also get solid advice on which vendor to choose and how to set it up. The seminar includes use of Skype, a free software that enables you to call other Skype users free. Taught by Mike Ostrowe, an A+ Certified Computer Consultant, who actually uses VoIP.

Sunday, February 19, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Seminar, \$45

## ⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! We'll learn ways to use search engines more effectively. The emphasis will be on Google and its syntax and features, but we'll also try some alternate search sites and discuss when to use them. Please bring some topics on which you'd like to search

Thursday, February 23, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Mostly hands-on, \$39

Coming in March! (Check website now to see them)

## ⇒ Getting Started with Adobe Premiere Elements

## ⇒ Introduction to Linux

## ⇒ Getting Started with MS Word

## ⇒ Project Management: An Overview

## ⇒ Finding Medical Information Online

## ⇒ EBay All Day

And more...

**NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events** **February 2006**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 29	30	31	February 1 Visual Basic Palm	2 C++/Java Photog/Graphics Enterprise Windows	3	4
5 <b>EBay Selling</b>	6 Access TechTips <i>Volunteer Night</i>	7 Photoshop ODK MAKE Genealogy	8 Alpha DB	9 C++/Java Proj MetaStock	10 Investment	11
12 <i>Volunteer Day</i>	13 <b>Intro to .NET</b> Hardware	14 <b>QuickBooks</b> , sess 1 Excel Exchange LINUX	15 Speech Recog <b>Find File</b>	16 NYPC General Mtg	17	18
19 <b>VoIP</b>	20 Ventura	21 Perl <b>QuickBooks</b> , sess 2	22 <b>VB .NET</b> , sess 1 Web Design	23 <b>Internet Search (Day)</b> <b>Degunk Windows</b> DeLUGE	24 Photog/Graphics	25 <b>KNOPPIX</b> , Sess 1
26 <b>Computer Backup</b>	27 <b>VB .NET</b> , sess 2 Adv Tech & Tech Streaming	28 Photoshop Wireless NYPC Board	March 1 <b>VB .NET</b> , sess 3 Palm Visual Basic	2 Enterprise Windows Photo/Graphics C++/Java	3	4 <b>KNOPPIX</b> , Sess 2

**Calendar Legend**

Plain = SIG Meeting  
**Bold** = NYPC Class  
Black background = General Meeting  
*Italics* = Special Event

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Sometimes there are last-minute changes, so please check our online calendar at [www.calsplus.net/nypcmeetings](http://www.calsplus.net/nypcmeetings) to confirm meeting details. If the SIG meeting you want to attend is not listed, contact the SIG chair, or check our web page, [www.nypc.org](http://www.nypc.org).  
 See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

**Location Legend** PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51st/52nd Str), 6th Floor  
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 1560

# SIG Directory

You can find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to *Meeting & Class Calendar* via the NYPC website, [www.nypc.org](http://www.nypc.org), and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details will appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, cancellations, or specific topics to replace TBA—are announced here. If we have your e-mail address, we will send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

## AXS Access

Claire Chase, (212)691-3577, M-F, 9am-5pm  
Monday, February 6th, 6:30 PM  
Location: MS  
Multi-Department Personnel Hiring System

## ACC Accounting

Len Ginsburg, LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net  
On hiatus. Contact Len if interested.

## ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@cs.nyu.edu  
Monday, February 27th, 6:30 PM  
Location: MS  
General discussion of PC technology

## ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net  
Wednesday, February 8th, 6:00 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Dr. Peter Wayne: How ALPHA can control a scanner using Active X

## BEG Beginners SIG

Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net  
On hiatus. Contact Mary if interested.

## CSG C++/Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsia.org>. Dario Laverde,  
dario@nycjava.net  
Thursday, February 2nd, March 2nd, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
TBA

## ODK C++/JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com  
Tuesday, February 7th, 6:00 PM, Ottendorfer Branch Library  
Continuing development of constituent directory & communication systems, using J2EE, LDAP, & CRM-focused unified process

## CSG C++/Java: Java Projects

Dario Laverde, dario@nycjava.net  
Thursday, February 9th, 6:00 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Also join us at our yahoo group: nycjava\_org

## SEQ Database/SQL

If interested, contact Dario Castellanos,  
jdcnyc@compuserve.com

## LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux UG)

<http://www.delugeny.org>. Mark Halegua,  
phantom21@mindspring.com  
Thursday, February 23rd, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Potpourri

## EMB Embedded Systems

On hiatus. Contact Lee Thalblum,  
lee\_t@bigfoot.com

## EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://www.nyewin.org/>  
Stephen Goodwin, srg@winny.com; Bill Zack, wzack@compuserve.com; Tony Iams, tony@dhbrown.com  
Thursday, February 2nd, March 2nd, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
Integrating Active Directory with Unix and Java/J2EE Environments

## EXC Excel

Al Vachris, Excel1Star@cs.com  
Tuesday, February 14th, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
Topic TBA

## EXG Microsoft Exchange

<http://www.nyexug.com/>. Ben Serebin,  
exchangeug@reefsolutions.com  
Tuesday, February 14th, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
Topic TBA

## FLA Flash

Jeffrey Frankel, webjff1967@aol.com  
Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net  
Not meeting in February. E-mail Jeff for info

## GFH Genealogy & Family History

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>  
David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com  
Tuesday, February 7th, 6:00 PM  
Location: NYPC  
How to prepare our years of research for hardcopy book printing

## HRD Hardware

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/hugnypc>  
Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com  
Monday, February 13th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Hands-on hardware

## NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu;  
Mary Ginsburg, lm\_ginsburg@earthlink.net  
Next meeting in March

## INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.  
Friday, February 10th, 6:15 PM  
Location: MS  
Demo of BI's Stock Prospector software

## LNX LINUX

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net>  
Vincent Williams, scribe63@netscape.net  
Tuesday, February 14th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Topic TBA

## LNX LINUX Study Group: Beginners

For information, contact Dario Castellanos,  
jdcnyc@compuserve.com

## MAK Adventures with Make Magazine

Mary Ginsburg, treasurer@nypceducation.org  
Tuesday, February 7th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Patrick McEvoy shows how to convert an inexpensive disposable digital video camera into a long-lasting one

## MTA MetaStock

Barbara Scheiner, bscheiner@nyc.rr.com  
Thursday, February 9th, 7:00 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Topic TBA

## BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 28th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Members are welcome to attend, but we'd like to know ahead. Please e-mail pres@nypc.org.

## GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 16th, 6:30 PM  
Location: PS 41  
Enjoy Clean, Fast Windows

## PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpda@yahoo.com  
Wednesday, February 1st, March 1st, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Come discuss your joys and gripes of using your Palm!

## PRL Perl Seminar NY

James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net; Alex Gill, alexgill@nyc.rr.com  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/perlsemny>  
Thursday, February 21st, 6:00 PM  
This month only: Oxford University Press (conference room), 198 Madison Ave @ 35th  
Lincoln D Stein:  
"Genome Databases and Visualization in Perl"

## Sig Directory...

### **PHT** Photography & Digital Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net);  
Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)  
Thursday, February 2nd, 24th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC

Using Burst or Panorama mode in our cameras.

Physical vs software filters

### **PHO** Photoshop

<http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/stsig.html>

Laura Balsam, [nypc@hookbuilt.com](mailto:nypc@hookbuilt.com)  
Tuesday, February 7th, 28th, 1:00 PM  
Location: NYPC

2/4: Layer Basics and Layer Interactions  
2/28: Compositing & Video Training  
Join us at 11:45 AM in the Tick Tock Diner for socializing prior to the 1 PM meeting.

### **SPR** Speech Recognition

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner,  
[76233.3413@compuserve.com](mailto:76233.3413@compuserve.com); Leftonred  
Atanycorner, [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org)  
Wednesday, February 15th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Laurel Nadler: Hands-Free Sage Phone and Experiences with Training Dragon Users

### **STR** Streaming Media Plus

Sonia Thompson, [soniathp@verizon.net](mailto:soniathp@verizon.net)  
Monday, February 27th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

### **PAS** TechTips

(Formerly Computer Passport)  
Kathy Petrucci, [kathypetrucci@hotmail.com](mailto:kathypetrucci@hotmail.com);  
Michael Ostrowe, [mjostrowe@earthlink.net](mailto:mjostrowe@earthlink.net)  
Monday, February 6th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

General Computer Technical Issues

### **VPI** Ventura

Allison Moore, [amoore@nyc.rr.com](mailto:amoore@nyc.rr.com)  
Monday, February 20th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Tag and font management

### **BAS** Visual Basic

David Kulick, [dgkulick@hotmail.com](mailto:dgkulick@hotmail.com)  
Wednesday, February 1st, March 1st, 6:00 PM

Location: MS

ASP.NET 2.0 Data Access Techniques

### **WMM** Web Design for the 21st Century

Melody Reed, [Webdesign@melodyreed.com](mailto:Webdesign@melodyreed.com)  
Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Web Design for Photographers

### **WFI** Wireless

Ted Cohn, [TedCohn@earthlink.net](mailto:TedCohn@earthlink.net);  
Leftonred Atanycorner, [vp@nypc.org](mailto:vp@nypc.org)  
Tuesday, February 28th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

### **XML** XML/Web Services

Mahesh Chhatlani, [nypcxml@hotmail.com](mailto:nypcxml@hotmail.com)  
On hiatus. E-mail Mahesh if interested

## Other Organizations

### **NPC** Non-Profit Computing

John L. German, 212-759-2368

Includes:

### **JOB** Career Development Group

Tuesdays, February 7, 21, 4:00 PM  
West-Park Presbyterian Church, 86th & Amsterdam

Facilitators include:

Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111

Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

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Phone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Individual:  One Year - \$45  Two Years - \$80  Three Years - \$120  Student - \$35

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Add'l Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New membership  Renewal - Member number \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  Check enclosed (payable to Gotham NYPC)  Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AMEX

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Computing Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed application with payment to **NYPC Membership, 481 Eighth Avenue - B25, New York, NY 10001.**

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- satisfying recordkeeping requirements
- using financial reports for business decisions
- maximizing success in your business \$

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## First Class Mail

### From the NYPC Course Registrar

As the Registrar of NYPC, I hope to be in contact with many of you in responding to your phone calls, registration for classes, e-mails of inquiry, and such.

In my new volunteer role, I want to do my job to the best of my ability.

But in order to do this, I need your help with the following:

- ▶ When registering, specify class name and date
- ▶ Pre-registration and prepayment help us meet the minimum number of registrants for any given class
- ▶ We want your registration, but waiting until the day of the scheduled class hinders our administrative procedures

Remember that our lives of communication are open to you

- ▶ By phone, (212) 643-7005, x2
- ▶ By e-mail, [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org)
- ▶ By registering online at our new website, <http://www.nypceducation.org>

*Phyllis Silver, [classes@nypceducation.org](mailto:classes@nypceducation.org)*

#### *New Discount:*

Velocity Micro, maker of award-winning computers, with excellent support, is offering NYPC members a 3% discount on their computers. Just go to [www.velocitymicro.com](http://www.velocitymicro.com), configure your machine, and then phone them at 800-303-7866 and tell them you're an NYPC member. (Thanks to Stan Silver for negotiating this discount)

### coming attractions

#### *Great general meetings coming up:*

Thursday, March 16 Wireless devices: phones and more

Soon

Electronic voting

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to Bill Ginsberg, [wzg128@aol.com](mailto:wzg128@aol.com)



### Volunteer to Help NYPC

We have two volunteer sessions scheduled this month.

- ▶ Monday evening, February 6, 5 PM-
- ▶ Sunday, February 12th, 11 AM - 5 PM

Just show up, but you can contact Len Ginsburg, [LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net), with any suggestions or queries.

*For other ways to help, see page 2.*